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And Does It Economically!

Mode 67 Breaks the Core Barrier

By a CW Staff Writer

STAMFORD, Conn. - A new time sharing service, opened here Dec. 2, is using a Type 3 IBM software package on a single processor 360/67 - and is able to give its users more memory space for programs than the internal capacity of the system.

The service, operated by Computer Software Services, can run programs requiring up to 16 million bytes even though it currently has only a quarter of a million bytes of core storage physically available. Richard Orenstein, a CSS vice president, said that the programs do not

have to be written especially for the system, which can run any of the various System 360 operating systems and application packages, nor do they have to be modified for time sharing use (provided that the necessary peripherals are available).

Users access the system through Tele-type, IBM 1050, and 2741 terminals. Robert Bernard said that CSS was preparing hardware/software interfaces to allow IBM 1130 systems to be used as terminals in the future. He said CSS also intended to provide facilities for nontime sharing models of the 360 system to be connected to the system.

The key to the ability to run programs which are written for machines larger

than the machines on which they are running lies in the Model 67 hardware. The addressing system differentiates between the addresses used by the program, and the physical address which the hardware is to use. The program addresses - called virtual addresses because there is no need for them to exist physically - are interpreted into physical addresses with the use of a small "associative" memory before being passed on to the execution unit. The associative memory simply takes the program's "virtual" address and replaces it wherever possible with the physical address where the program data is currently stored.

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Hal Fienlab, a programmer at Computer Software Systems, uses a remote terminal to control a "virtual system" put at his disposal by the 360/67. The console terminal for the Model 67 is in the foreground.

Election Errors Are Laid to People

By a CW Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO - Election Day errors in computerized vote tabulating here have been traced to human errors, according to Thomas J. Mellon, the city's chief administrative officer.

"Maybe data processing is too sophisticated for our election workers," he said. Whether the city will continue to use computers or will return to the former hand counting method has not yet been decided. With almost a year before the next election, the city has plenty of time to make the decision, Mellon said.

Unofficial Totals Far Off

While none of the results were reversed by the official count, in two instances the final totals were more than 13,000 votes higher than the earlier, unofficial results. Considering that the city turned to computerized vote tabulating for the sake of accuracy following the November, 1967, election when a candidate was incorrectly declared a winner, city officials were shaken by this year's disparities.

"We kicked it around for a while," Mellon reported after a meeting with Registrar of Voters Basil Healey and EDP director William Millard. "Everyone is to agree that the breakdown came from a process of converting the results of our voting machines to the scanner

sheets read by the computers."

Numbers Entered Inaccurately

Mellon said that most errors resulted from election workers transposing, changing, or dropping digits when transferring numbers to the scanner sheets.

"Many of our trained workers pulled out at the last minute, so we had many persons working on election day who didn't have time for much training."

The final, official results were compiled by adding machine.

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Fall Joint Computer Conference Expected to Draw Record Crowd

Special to Computerworld

SAN FRANCISCO - This year's Fall Joint Computer Conference, which opens here Dec. 9, is expected to be the biggest one yet, but conference officials declined to estimate attendance.

Of the more than 15,000 persons who attended last year's FJCC in Anaheim, 27% were in business data processing and 34% were in scientific programming and technical areas.

The conference, sponsored by the American Federation of Information Processing Societies (Afps), represents the cumulative work in the field during the past six months. Afps is a member of the International Federation of Information Processing Societies (Ifips), and many people from the international body attend.

Sightseeing Planned

The wives and children of attendees will have an opportunity to see some of the sights in and around San Francisco, with several special programs provided for their interest.

The Ladies Program Committee has arranged for sightseeing tours, educa-

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tional and cultural activities, and several get-togethers for relaxation. Registration for the tours will be from 2-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, and from 9-11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9.

A hospitality suite will be available at the San Francisco Hilton throughout the conference, with hostesses and tour guides to give out information.

Registration Information

Regular conference registration will take place Sunday, Dec. 8, in the San Francisco Hilton from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, and Tuesday, Dec. 10, in the Brooks Hall at the San Francisco Civic Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 11, in the Brooks Hall at the San Francisco Civic Center from 8 a.m. to noon.

It is not necessary to register before

attending the keynote address by MIT President Howard Johnson Monday morning, Dec. 9.

The registration fee for society members is \$20, for nonmembers, \$30, and for full time students, \$5.

Program Information

The proceedings will be available at a distribution counter near the registration area.

The conference reception will take place Monday, Dec. 9, from 6-8 p.m. in the Continental Ballroom at the Hilton.

The conference luncheon, including an address by Dr. G. Hardin, will be at noon Wednesday, Dec. 11, also in the Continental Ballroom.



New Listing

Fletcher Jones, right, president of Computer Sciences Corp., Los Angeles, buys 100 shares of CSC stock after the company became the first software firm listed on the New York Stock Exchange. With Jones is NYSE President Robert W. Haskett. Formerly the first software stock listed on the New York Stock Exchange, CSC opened on the Big Board Nov. 26 at 58-7/8, rose to 60, and closed at 58-1/4. But it is closed for the week at 60-1/2.

ACM Disavows Jurisdiction In Breach of Ethics Cases

Special to Computerworld
ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The ACM, generally regarded as the senior professional body in the computer field, has decided that it will not involve itself in ethical disputes between members. It points out, however, that the society's guidelines were adopted only two years ago for the purpose of providing a nucleus for evolution.

The guidelines state that ACM members who have proof of unethical or unfair behavior by other information processing professionals should report this to "the proper authority." It also urges members to refer ethical problems to "the proper ACM authorities." Previously it had been thought that these were one and the same. It now appears that this is not so.

President Galles Comments

ACM President Bernard Galles said that the requirement to

report any known unethical or unfair practices must be read as a suggestion "that [the member] may pursue the matter with the proper authority [outside the ACM]. What the proper authority may be will depend on the circumstances of the particular case and the jurisdiction of the various agencies or organizations charged with regulation and enforcement."

No Definition Available

No information was available at press time as to what other organization is considered by ACM to have ethical jurisdiction over its members' professional conduct.

Corporate Problems?

Industry sources suggested that the legal complications caused by the society's status as a tax-free corporation may be one of the determining factors behind the ACM decision. However, the decision does seem to weaken the society's role in other matters, such as the current pressure for stronger privacy protection standards in data processing.

ACM Background

ACM, the Association for Com-

puting Machinery, was founded in 1947. Among its purposes, it lists the promotion of a free interchange of information among specialists and among the public "in the best scientific and professional tradition." Its membership includes most of the major computer manufacturers (such as IBM, Univac, Control Data, National Cash Register, General Electric, and RCA), some 120 universities in this country and abroad, and approximately 23,000 individual members.

New Peripherals Firm

To Show Its Products

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Vanguard Data Systems, Inc., has been formed here to pursue various computer peripheral markets.

Alexander M. Bradley, Vanguard president, formerly was director of programming at Varian Data Machines. A.S. Gugliotta, the vice president, was director of engineering operations at Varian.

The company will show several products for the first time at the Fall Joint Computer Conference, Bradley said, adding that full production already is underway.

Patent Decision in Peril Following Judge's Death

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The time of Judge A.M. Smith's death may become a crucial factor in the future of patents for computer programs. It was learned here last week. Judge Smith died the same day that his Prater and Wel decision was released by the Court of Patent Appeals [CW, Dec. 4]. At the time it seemed his death would have no bearing on the case because the decision appeared to be unanimous. The statute requires that three judges approve a decision.

Later it emerged that the chief judge effectively had disqualified himself, stating that he had not

been able to study adequately the issues involved. It then became known that at the time the decision was issued, Judge Smith had been dead for some hours. This left a maximum of three judges in favor of the decision in the five man court. Any further dilution of the originally "unanimous" decision could undermine it.

It was expected that some appeal against the decision would be made, either in conjunction with, or separately from, the Patent Office intention of seeking reconsideration.

Extracts from the Prater & Wel decision appear on page 27.

Information System to Aid FJCC By Registering, Alerting Attendees

SAN FRANCISCO — An estimated 10,000 people attending the Fall Joint Computer Conference will be registered, tabulated, and alerted to messages by a new computer controlled graphics display system developed by GE's Information Devices Department.

The system will combine a GE 115 computer with video display terminals and television monitors. The system will provide, on request, attendance reports for

sessions, showing name, identification, hotel, and time of registration. The system will automatically flash message alerts by name at six second intervals on eight 23" television receivers located in various heavy traffic areas throughout the convention center.

Dr. Thomas Vandierline, general manager of the GE department, estimates that the cost per registrant will "round out to about 50 cents."

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Office of the President

November 26, 1968

Mr. John M. Noerr, President
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Dear Mr. Noerr:

I am very much concerned about the publicity given to and the interpretation placed upon certain remarks about Dick H. Brandon and the Brandon programming aptitude test made by our Mr. David B. Mayer at the recent Atlantic City SHARE/GUIDE meeting.

Mr. Mayer's references to the test were personal and were made in response to an interest expressed by the audience prior to his prepared talk. Mr. Mayer tried to be responsive to this interest with candor which was in keeping with the objectives of these meetings. We regret, however, that in passing personal judgment on the validity of the Brandon aptitude test he made comments which were interpreted by some members of the audience as an attack on the test, Mr. Brandon, and the Brandon organization.

IBM did not authorize Mr. Mayer's statements and does not endorse them. IBM has had an excellent relationship with Mr. Brandon and his company over the past years and has no reservation whatsoever to question him or his company's business or professional ethics.

The area of testing is a very innately sensitive one and we are all aware of the limitations of our own tests, for example. The Brandon test may well prove to be superior. We certainly hope in the interest of the industry that this will prove to be true.

We regret this whole incident and apologize for it. We ask that you publish this letter to the membership of your organization. A similar request is being made to Mr. Earl O. Althoff of GUIDE.

Sincerely yours,

David H. Noerr
D. H. Noerr

Copies of the above letter and an identical letter to Earl O. Althoff, president of GUIDE, were conveyed to Dick Brandon with a personal message from Thomas J. Watson, Jr., IBM board chairman.

Users May Be Allowed To Share Leased Lines

NEW YORK—Telephone users would be allowed to share leased lines under a new tariff the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. plans to file with the Federal Communications Commission.

AT&T said there would be a charge for sharing a line, but that such sharing would save the customers money. However, the tariff wouldn't apply to Telpak, wideband switching, and certain other communications switching services, AT&T said.

No Date Set

No date has been set for implementing the tariff, but AT&T said it probably would go into effect Jan. 1 when other new tariffs on foreign attachments are scheduled to go into effect [CW, Dec. 4].

AT&T said the shared lines would be particularly beneficial to small volume voice and data users.

An example of sharing would be a leased line between New York and Chicago used by several companies with offices in both cities. Each company would have its own terminals at each end of the line.

Computerized Billing

AT&T also announced that it is centralizing the billing for all long distance calls, collect calls, and toll calls charged to credit cards or a third party. The billing for all 23 Bell System companies will be processed on a computer in Kansas City, Mo. Input and output data will be transmitted at night when telephone traffic is light.

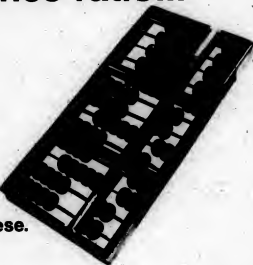


The Digitizer scans graphic material on the drum, left, codes the information, and places it on computer compatible tape.

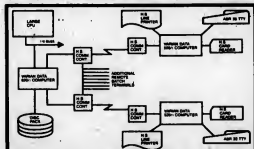
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Digitizer Scans Drawing, Codes Data for Input

PLAINVIEW, L.I., N.Y.—A Pictorial/Graphic Digitizer can translate pictorial source material into computer language and record it directly on computer tape ready for data processing has been announced here by Aeroflex Laboratories, Inc.

Capable of accommodating graphic material and photography, both positive and negative, up to 8" by 10" in size, the Digitizer is useful in translating graphics which have line structure information, such as oscillograms and drawings.

For example, the printing quality of paper is analyzed by scanning a specially printed pattern. Appropriate data processing then extracts statistical information to establish quality control levels. Other areas of specialized use are in automatic digitizing of complex oscilloscope traces and storage and retrieval of graphic data or their transmission over communication links.

The output of the Digitizer is produced on computer compatible magnetic tape. It includes density information, plus X and Y coordinate data as reference to coordinates on the original picture.

Other features of the system include: high resolution up to 1000 lines per inch; accurate gray level encoding; adjustable scanning aperture; adjustable format sizes; bandwidth compression for graphic inputs; keyboard entry to record alphanumeric heading information, and fully automatic operation.

The unit sells from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

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Editorials

An Unfortunate Decision

The decision announced by the president of ACM that his society will play no active role in the arbitration of ethical disputes in our industry, but, instead, will refer them to some external "proper authority" must be deplored. The fact that he is able to cite two isolated references in the society's code of ethics in support of his decision does not mean that the matter should be closed there. Between the two references there is another, and very important, part of the ethical code which he has apparently ignored. This calls for all ACM members (presumably including the president) to appear expostulated claims, etc. Hiding one's head in the sand, as ACM is now doing, is hardly adequate.

In the past, *Computerworld* has urged members of ACM to decide whether they wish their society to be bound by its own rules. On page 5, we are printing for the last time a resolution, which some members have signed, which will bring the matter before the ACM Council.

Ethics are important even if they are uncomfortable.

A Virtual Success

The importance of the accurate success of virtual memories, reported in *Computerworld* this week, should not be underestimated. It may well be the most important item of the year.

The software system currently running on the IBM 360/67 at Computer Software System Inc. economically liberates, for the first time, a programmer from being completely bound by the size of the physical system he is using. It is now possible to run a program which requires a million bytes — on a system which has only a quarter of that capacity. Previously this was never possible. Memory size — memory physically present — has been such an absolute limit on the size of the program that we have rarely even thought of its importance. It just seemed to be a fact of nature.

Behind our liberation from this memory limit we can see at least three parents. The concept of virtual memory developed at the University of Michigan by Professor Bernard Galler, the designers of the IBM Model 67 associative memory, and the software design of the CMS/CP67 programs from the IBM Scientific Center in Cambridge, Mass., all were necessary for this achievement. All honor is due them. The immediate result of their work will be to put the firm of Computer Software Systems in a position not matched by any time sharing service we know of. But this is the least of their achievements. For it will shortly make available to the many, that class of "large programs" which they need but which they were unable to run. This means that the whole class of "large programs" has suddenly become much more practical than ever before — and computers are much more valuable.

That's the importance of this virtual success.

Now, let's make this into a real success.

Are You Covered Adequately?

Losses Lurk in New Places

By Robert C. Dwyer

Today, over 100,000 United States businesses delegate key functions to EDP service organizations. Unfortunately, many of these firms still have not amended their insurance programs in recognition of this new — outside — computer dependency. If your firm uses a data processing service bureau, you may face more serious exposures to loss — other than to equipment or hardware itself — than a firm with its own EDP installation.

To get some grasp of the problems involved, consider these questions:

1. What if your accounts receivable, payroll records, inventory records, etc., now in media form on the premises of a service bureau, were destroyed? Do you have backup material or duplicate media stored elsewhere?
2. Are you supplying the service firm with valuable papers and records that may be almost irreplaceable? Are these insured? And, if so, are aware of the limitations under standard "valuable papers" insurance policies that may limit your recovery following destruction of records off the premises?
3. How long would it take — and what would it cost — to duplicate material in the hands of a service bureau if this material were lost or destroyed? Is your insurance program designed to cover this extra expense?
4. What is the nature of the work being performed by the service bureau? Could interruption of this work lead to a business interruption loss?
5. What is the data processing bureau's responsibility to you — if any? If you have signed a contract, are you aware of its provisions?

Who Is Responsible?

One of the problems in designing an insurance program to safeguard your interests when dealing with an EDP service bureau stems from lack of agreement on just where responsibility for any loss should rest. Service bureaus still have no clearly defined approach to this question. One major data processing trade association is currently drawing up guidelines for a standardized client contract. However, such standardization is a goal — not an accomplished fact.

Many service bureaus do not use a written contract at all. Your relationship with the firm doing your work may be on a handshake basis. The liability of the bureau for any loss you suffer may have to be determined in court. Even among those service bureaus which do use contracts, the degree of responsibility accepted by the data processor varies. For example, some of the contracts we have seen stipulate that:

... the customer agrees to bear the risk of loss or destruction of punch cards and all other material within the sole and exclusive possession of (the service bureau) irrespective of the cause of such loss or destruction whether negligent or otherwise.

This condition is often coupled with another which reads:

... such cards, tapes and other records to be furnished by the customer ... shall become the property of (the service bureau).

If you accept the fact that the processing center disclaims all responsibility for the media — punch cards, tapes, etc. — and backup material (photostats, original invoices, orders, etc.) you furnish, and wish to insure this material yourself, you will find few insurance companies willing to provide coverage. Of the companies that have been writing data processing policies, most give their underwriting attention to the insurance of "hardware." Rates and underwriting acceptability have been predicated on such things as the type of installation, its location, etc. The St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Co., appears to be one of the few companies now willing to insure media, valuable papers, and the extra expense and business interruption loss that a firm might suffer due to loss or damage at a service bureau installation.

The practical solution to the problem of protecting yourself against loss of tapes, punch cards, and other materials furnished a service bureau is duplication and off-site storage. Some service bureaus provide clients with duplicates of all media. A few stipulate — by contract — that the customer must retain this backup. Any such material should be stored carefully — off the premises of the service bureau — and updated on a regular basis.

The main point to keep in mind here is that when you deal with a service bureau, determine in advance

just what its responsibilities — and your obligations are.

Valuable Papers

On occasion, the service bureau will be furnished with source material of extremely high value that would be expensive to duplicate. Obviously, insurance of these valuable papers needs special attention.

Standard valuable papers and records' insurance limits recovery for destruction of such property off-premises to 10% of the limit of insurance provided by the policy. The "valuable papers" insuring agreement of data processing policies contains a similar limitation. If you carry valuable papers and records insurance — under either a separate contract or as part of an EDP policy — make sure that this off-premises limitation is *eliminated* if you want adequate protection of papers in the hands of a service bureau.

Extra Expense

Your firm could be subject to a substantial extra expense loss if punch cards, tapes, or other material are destroyed while in the hands of a service bureau. Recently, for example, a credit firm provided a service bureau with important data on disks which were to be converted to tape for use in a different system. When the service bureau failed to meet the credit firm's needs, the firm requested the return of its original material (the disks) so that they could be processed at another bureau. Unfortunately, the disks had been destroyed in a fire. As a result, the credit firm had to keypunch more than 80,000 accounts at a cost of more than \$9,000.

Fidelity Exposure

If a service bureau is processing your accounts receivable, payroll, etc., you may be faced with a serious *fidelity* exposure which is presently uninsured. It may be difficult for an employee of the service bureau — unpaid — to tamper with your accounts. However, *collusive* losses involving your own employees and those of the service bureau are always possible. Any loss intractable to personnel of the service bureau would not be covered under your fidelity bond unless it has been specially amended to cover this situation.

Errors and Omissions

Many service bureau contracts provide that the service bureau will not be liable for:

... any loss or damage resulting from any error or omission of (the service bureau) in performing the work which may be sustained by the customer, irrespective of the cause of such error or omission, whether negligent or otherwise.

If your firm is currently providing professional services to others — as consulting engineers, for example — you could face a substantial liability suit if a computer error caused you to furnish incorrect information to your clients. You may now be carrying some form of "professional liability" or "errors and omissions" coverage to protect yourself against this exposure. If so, make sure that your policy does not prohibit you from releasing the service bureau from liability.

Business Interruption

Would your firm suffer any type of interruption of business if records or media in the hands of a service bureau were destroyed? Such a loss might be possible, for example, if your production is geared to computer programming. Consider the "business interruption" coverage we suggest these steps:

Step to Take

Obviously, the magnitude of this EDP problem depends upon your own use of outside service organizations. In evaluating what measures should be taken to plug any loopholes in your current insurance program, we suggest these steps:

1. Determine your own exposures to loss. What type of work are you now turning out to a service bureau? Check all departments of your company.
2. What type of information are you furnishing the service bureau? If you supply punch cards or tapes, are you maintaining your own set of duplicates? Are you being furnished by the bureau with duplicate media which you must keep updated?
3. Where are your duplicate source materials and converted materials (media) now being stored? Should these be insured?

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Viewpoint

Don't Be Told What's Right, Ascertain What's Right

By George Simon

Watching the language battle, "PL/I or IBM versus the world," I cannot help but comment on the sad state of affairs in our industry where manufacturers seem to dictate everything we use to perform our "professional" functions.

Yes, "professional" is in quotes, because you and I, as well as the majority of practitioners, managers, systems men, and programmers have not fulfilled our functions as true "professionals." We belong to groups, organizations, associations, and grant special certificates attesting to our professional nature and abilities. However, being creatures of habit, and human, we are more interested in our own careers and desires. We select our jobs and equipment, past, present, and future, with 90% of the emphasis on the hardware, operating system, and languages that are most widely used without ever once stopping to ask the following questions:

Is it what I really need?
Is it really easy to use?

What happens to the people performance/cost ratio if I use it?

Shouldn't the people/machine interface become easier?

Why have all these special training courses in operating

systems and the like, given by software houses, sprung up?

Why am I using a hexadecimal decimal system?

Why am I being sold another language when the ones I have now have not been fully implemented or efficiently constructed?

Why must I have legions of OS, TOS, DOS, Esysycoer, MVT, CCL experts just to get my job done?

Weren't we supposed to do

everything just knowing Cobol?

Where is the machine independence we have talked about? We hear talk about fourth and fifth generation software and equipment or evolutionary expansion of the third generation. Are we going to be in a similar position then, with a rectangle instead of a wheel to move forward in the third generation?

Have you really analyzed the manufacturers' support in terms of "coins of the realm"? It is up to each and every one

to use a little introspection. Stop for a moment. Reflect and evaluate yourself, your group, company, or association in the light of the foregoing questions. Act as a "professional." Rather than be told what is right, ascertain what is right.

Are you buying whatever is offered? Can you stand up as the manufacturer in front of your own management because of your knowledge and ability, or are you beholden to the manufacturer for your livelihood? It is time to dig deep, even though it hurts.

It's high time the mystique, costs, and personnel demands of using EDP came down to reality, and true professionalism became as widespread as BAL.

The author is manager of systems and data processing for the National Storage and Chemical Corp., New York. In the next issue, he will give his own answers to the questions he poses in this article.

Letters to the Editor

Share Complaint

To the Editor:

The Nov. 6 and Nov. 13 issues offer so many opportunities for comment that it is difficult to know where to begin. PL/I, Share, and IBM seem to share the honors as targets of your unsubstantiated, slanderous bar-room gossip. But let's discuss Share, since I figure IBM and PL/I are big enough to take care of themselves.

Referring to the editorial "Let Us Join Users!":

ITEMs: Share members in

installations, not individuals (with

one exception that I know of). Attendance at Share meetings is not limited to Share representatives. Indeed, I know of meetings where the attendance from a single installation approached the 100 mark. There are some economic facts of life which tend to limit the number of Share attendees. First, it costs money to feed and house a man for a week. Second, the most important, Share attendees, as a class, are "doers," and their absence from work is apt to have a noticeable effect on the sponsoring installation.

ITEM: The ratio of 1000 users

per representative is not surprising when one considers that the United States House of Representatives is based on a ratio of 400,000 to one!

ITEM: Share membership involves a commitment of non-power which some users of IBM equipment choose not to make. Indeed, failure to meet this commitment has been the basis for discontinuing many Share memberships. As an ex-program chairman and an ex-member of the board, I can assure you that the commitment is of the order of one to three man-months per year.

Now a few comments on your blurb on page 2 of the Sept. 13 Computerworld. As a member of the nominating committee this year, I take exception to your side remarks concerning the winning officers.

ITEM: A primary criterion for candidacy (and the most difficult one to satisfy) was the willingness and ability to commit the required amount of money. Many otherwise qualified individuals could not accept nomination because of the amount of time and travel involved.

ITEM: Your remark which relates Share's return to success in the election is totally unfounded. Messrs. Teberge and Roessler are relative newcomers to Share. The other officers are indeed "oldtimers," as evidenced by their long records of participation in Share committees and projects.

If you have any evidence to

refute my remarks I would be pleased to hear it. Otherwise, I think that Computerworld must apologize to the Share body for its ill-advised remarks. A personal apology is due to the individuals who were slandered by your publication. Perhaps such an action would help elevate your paper to the status of a news medium from its current level as a gossip sheet.

Paul R. Desjardins
Long Beach, Calif.

Reader Desjardins should realize that responsible newspapers, like Computerworld, gather a lot of supporting material which is rarely published (because it would be uninteresting).

Re Share membership: We are glad to have Desjardins' comments. Re Share membership is not open to users as such, and is often prohibitively expensive.

Re the Share election: Computerworld stands by its descriptions, which were given in a straightforward manner and were far from being unreported. They were based on hours of interviews, actual participation in the Share election operation, and on documents issued by Desjardins' committee. We examined the election results for trends toward academic, scientific, or commercial interests, ACM, DPMA, and IEEE membership, etc. The only significant trend which we found was that among candidates for executive office, the candidates who had the longer Share biographies were most often the winner. Ed.

Is Your Insurance Really Adequate?

(Continued from Page 4)

4. Examine carefully your contract if and with the service bureau. Be sure you know what is expected of you as a client and what you can expect of your data processor.

5. Remember that when you deal with a service bureau your exposures to loss in the areas of media, valuable papers, extra expense, business interruption, and fidelity are no less than they would be

if you had your own data processing equipment. And, because your papers and records are, to a large extent, out of your control, your exposure to loss may be far greater.

The author is president of the Shelby Publishing Corp., Wellesley Hills, Mass., and executive editor of The John Liner Letter, an insurance newsletter for insurance men and business executives.

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Petition Calling for Vote on ACM Ethics

As pointed out in the news story on page 2 and in the editorial, "Unfortunate Decision," on page 4, the Association for Computing Machinery is now taking the attitude that its ethical guidelines are only "suggestions" for behavior and that it will not arbitrate ethical disputes between ACM members.

The petition below, which already has been signed by some ACM members, could cause a membership vote on the question of whether the ACM should handle ethical matters. If the membership approves the resolution by a simple majority, the resolution will become binding on the ACM Council.

These petitions will be submitted to the ACM Council at the Fall Joint Computer Conference. If you would like to give your voice in this matter, please send the petition and bring it to Computerworld at Booth 519, Brooks Hall, San Francisco Civic Center, or mail it to Computerworld, St. Francis Hotel, 335 Powell St., San Francisco, Calif. 94119.

We, the undersigned voting Members of the Association for Computing Machinery hereby petition the Council of said Association that the following resolution be submitted to mail ballot of the entire membership of the Association as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of said Association.

Resolution

WHEREAS, on November 11, 1966 the Council of the Association for Computing Machinery adopted guidelines on Professional Conduct in Information Processing; and WHEREAS a complaint that the Association is not following its own guidelines was made before an international computer forum by a member of a sister computer society, and evidence said to support the complaint was then identified; and

WHEREAS the good name of the Association and/or of all its members is imperiled by the lack of any explicit provision that the Association is bound by its own guidelines and by the lack of any effective procedure for the investigation of such complaints against the Association or any of its members;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ACM guidelines for Professional Conduct in Information Processing shall apply to the Association, and to all persons when they are acting for the Association, whether members of the Association or not, as well as to all members of the Association; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the ACM shall forthwith establish an effective procedure for the determination of, and a report to the membership on the validity of the above mentioned complaint, and of such further complaints which may be made in the future.

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The new 750 Series was developed to offer the customer an acoustical enclosure for business machines that is also attractive. The Gates Acoustinet Model 750 is actually a portable "work station" with excellent lighting and a variety of shelving to provide the customer with the most efficient use of the work space possible.

The firm's address is Box 1406, Santa Rosa, Calif. 95403.

Data Couplers



A new line of portable acoustic data couplers, Model 260 and 300, may be used on a standard telephone as a communications tool for terminal to computer operations and for data conversations or information input/output between two terminals, as well as for coupling a remote terminal to a time sharing computer. Dura, Division Intercon-

New Products

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Flow Chart Symbols



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Marking Device

A new marker, the Sharpie, is designed to leave a permanent mark on data processing accessories. Available in a chromatic range of colors, the ink is reported to be "waterproof." Sanford Ink Co., Bellwood, Ill.



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'Scope' Completes First Year Of Fighting Crime in Nevada

By a CW Staff Writer

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—One of the country's most complete law enforcement systems will conclude its first year of full, on-line operation this month.

Scope (Sheriff's Computer Operation for Protection and Enforcement), implemented for the Clark County Sheriff's Department by the county's division of Management Information Services, has attracted attention and visits from police officials in other areas.

The system provides a series of nine reports and maintains a Master Record Index file that enables a patrolman to make a quick background check on a suspect.

The reports include:

- Activity Log, a record of all incidents reported to the sheriff's office during a 24 hour period. This is similar to the traditional "police blotter."

- Radio Log, a record of all radio traffic for a 24 hour period.

- Code 7 Property Watch Report, which provides patrol units with current listings of premises that require special attention because of vacation, theft, threats, etc.

- Detective Bureau Case Status Report, a semi-monthly

record of the current status of cases.

- Statistical Summary, a semi-monthly analysis of the frequency of each type of crime, indicating patrol area, time of day, day of week, and highest occurrences. The summary also is used for scheduling patrols by the Special Enforcement Detail.

- Premises Summary, a semi-monthly report listing the type and frequency of crime activity occurring at special premises. The data is sorted by premises, so that scattered incidents are brought together in the list, pinpointing trouble areas. The summary also is used for scheduling patrols by the Special Enforcement Detail.

- Detective Activity, a monthly summary of detectives' daily reports, including arrests, citations, court time, miles driven, overtime, and property value recovered.

- Property Watch Summary, a summary of Code 7 property watch patrol activity.

Conversion Cost \$35,000

Jack Edwards, a systems analyst in the county's Management Information Services division which designed the system with help from IBM, told *Computerworld* that the overall cost

for the conversion of Scope to on-line operation was \$35,000, with the Sheriff's Department allocating approximately \$6500 a year to data processing rentals and services.

"It might also be worth noting," he said, "that Clark County initiated its own system and has been the sole supporter in the financing of this complex operation."

Edwards said that Scope, first shown in operation at the National Sheriff's Convention here in June, 1967, was started with the Radio Log and Patrol Activity systems. Full operation began last December.

Scope uses a 256K IBM 360/40, four 2400 series magnetic tape drives, five 3311 disk drives, and a 3321 data cell. Input/output is handled with a 1403 printer, a 2540 card reader-puncher, two 1050 terminals, eight 2740 terminals, and six 2260 video display terminals.

Access Limited

Edwards said that to protect the data from unauthorized access, the Sheriff's Department has adopted the *Faster* system.

"The capabilities of *Faster* are divided into two parts," he said. "First, protection built into the system itself, and second, pro-



A sergeant in the sheriff's office uses an on-line terminal to get information from Scope's files.

tection which can be added by the user through the use of macro language and functional capabilities of *Faster*."

"Through programming, only authorized people can use certain terminals and have access to the department files," Edwards said. "Each operator is given a code name and only when the code is used on the terminal will information be released."

Master File 'Most Important'

"The most important job handled by the computer is the Master Record Index file," Edwards said, adding that the computer was capable of retrieving information for a background check in three to 15 seconds.

"The file (containing more than 450,000 names) is quite complete and thorough because each person who works in the large gaming (gambling) industry, public offices, or who has been brought to the attention of the Sheriff's Department must register with the Identification Department," he said. "Each person who registers is checked through the FBI files and the California Investigation and Identification Department."

"Another unique factor... is the Property Watch, which assures the public protection against burglary, property damage, etc. if a person plans to leave on vacation or happen to be away from home for any reason," Edwards said. "This program also assures a systematic surveillance of property in the Clark County area."

A printout of information from the property watch also indicates to patrol shifts people or property needing extra attention due to threats.

In the future, the Sheriff's Department plans to incorporate gun registration into Scope, Edwards said.

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The property watch list tells the patrolmen whether any lights have been left on, what vehicles belong at the premises or should be towed for, and gives an explanation of the situation.



Validation System Helps Mobil Catch 'Hot' Cards

NEW YORK — A computer system that stacks the deck against credit card sharps who use stolen and lost cards to swindle consumers, retailers, and industry out of millions of dollars a year is now in operation for Mobil Oil Corp.

A key feature of the new system is its ability to help locate missing credit cards even before their owners know they are lost or stolen.

An operator at Mobil's Cherry Hill, N.J., computer center runs a validation check on a credit card while a dealer waits on the telephone for the answer. Pick-up orders on "hot" cards contain the qualification "... if name is" so-and-so, which serves as a check that the operator or the dealer has not made a mistake in the account number being checked.

When a purchase over a set amount is made at a Mobil station, the dealer checks the customer's credit card by calling a regional center on a special telephone line. An operator relays the card number and other data to a central computer, which checks the card's status and flashes it back to a CRT terminal at the regional center. The operator then tells the dealer if he can make the sale. The entire operation takes about 20 seconds.

Successful Test

"We are confident that this system can cripple the growing fraudulent credit card racket," said Paul Guernsey, manager of Mobil's Travel Services Department. Mobil tested the new system in 8 states before going nationwide. In the test area, it proved itself to be extremely effective in halting fraud.

Mobil believes it is the first oil company to utilize a computerized system nationally. American Express uses an audio response system which allows direct communication with the computer via push button telephone.

An important feature of the program for the average card holder is an "early warning system" which makes it possible for the computer to locate stolen or lost cards even before their owners are aware of their loss. This is of particular significance for families or businesses holding several Mobil cards with identical account numbers. In this situation, it is possible for one card to be lost without being immediately missed.

Setting the Trap

The computer locates these cards by noting all charges over a given amount. When the total of any account tops a set figure within a certain period of time, the card holder is immediately contacted by telephone. If it develops that one of his cards is missing and is being used by someone else, the computer is programmed to flash a "stop credit" signal on that account number, and the card holder is no longer liable. He is immediately issued new cards and a new account number.

Also important, according to Guernsey, is the fact that it takes only seconds to enter a new "hot card" number. With the old hot card list technique, considerable time could pass between the time a card was first reported misused and the time dealers could be alerted to it.

Guernsey said approximately 15,000 Mobil credit cards are reported lost or stolen each month. "Of course, only a small percentage of these cards is actually misused," he added.

Mobil dealers can get several messages relayed from the computer. "Stop credit O.K." means exactly that. "Stop credit, pick up card" means the card is "wanted" and the dealer can earn a \$25 reward by sending it to Mobil.

"Verify identity," name should be "..." is used when a family or business has several cards with the same number and names, and one is lost. In this case, the dealer asks for the customer's driver's license and compares the name on the card with the name on the license. If they match, he can make the sale. If not, he picks up the card for a reward.

"Credit card crooks almost always pull a disappearing act when dealers take so much as a second look at the card," Guernsey said, "so we warn our people not to play hero with overly belligerent characters."

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New Products on Display at FICC

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Listed below by category are some of the new products and applications that will be shown in the Civic Center.

New Computers

A telephone link will be used to demonstrate the batch terminal capabilities of the Varian Data 620/1 and 520/1 computers.

Located in the Varian reception area at a Nob-Hill hotel, the 620/1 will act as a central batch terminal. Its function will be to receive batches of data from remote sources, store the information in a temporary bulk memory device, and then feed the data to a larger computer in the most efficient order and format possible. The company estimates that this approach could "increase the efficiency of a major computer installation by 40% or more."

The remote data sources will be 520/1 computers located in the Varian booth in the Civic Center. The 520/1 will act as a remote batch terminal, collecting information from, or transmitting information to, such devices as card readers, tape units, line printers, and teletypes. The 520/1 will be connected by standard voice grade duplex telephone lines to the 620/1 at the hotel.

Several new systems are being introduced for the digital analog/hybrid market.

Electronic Associates, Inc. will introduce three new systems, including a full scale, 204 amplifier system with eight channel recording; a desk top model with 80 amplifiers, pre-wired for expansion; and a digital machine with 32K memory and 16 bit words. The digital machine has a 1.65 microsecond memory cycle and is capable of handling multilevel interrupts for up to 64 peripheral devices, EAI said.

Another new product being shown at the FICC is Mac (Multi-Application Computer). Introduced by Lockheed Electronics Company, this machine has 16 bit words in multiples of 4K from 4 to 65K. The system has a 1 microsecond memory cycle and three data channels with up to 255 device addresses. The system will sell for \$11,950.

CRT Displays

Several companies are introducing or displaying new CRT equipment this year. Conrac Corp. will probably have the largest section on displays, since they are showing their CRT terminals, scoreboard displays, computer driven television monitors, large scale numeric displays, and election return equipment for television.

This type of equipment is now in use at network television studios and baseball parks, and is supplied to

many major computer manufacturers on an OEM basis.

Another contender for displays is Computek, Inc., which is introducing a new stand alone CRT display with both alphanumeric and graphic capabilities. This terminal, a member of the new Series 400 family, sells for less than \$12,000. The Model 20 includes a storage type CRT, an alpha input keyboard, curve and vector generators for graphics, a character generator for alpha, and interfacing for standard modem units. Various optional character sets, templates, and overlays will be offered with the Model 20.



Computek Display

Stromberg Datagraphic entry into the market this fall is the SD 1110 Charactron display system. This is a character oriented display, capable of being operated either as stand alone or with a central computer. "The Charactron screen produces the easiest to read display in the industry," according to the company.

The new Idiom interactive graphics system, announced by Information Displays Inc., combines the ability to use a large display screen with a highly flexible, functional keyboard, thereby giving the operator a high degree of flexibility. The system includes complete software, as well as hardware, and operates with a standard teletype unit and its own computer. The computer is available from 4K 16 bit words up to 32K words of programmable memory. The system can operate either free standing or tied to a central computer. The price of the system is \$89,515.

Data Transmission

A new modem with a capacity of up to 1 million bits per second has been announced by International Communications Corp. It operates above the 9600 bit per second range, with full flexibility.

"One of the primary markets for our ultrahigh speed data set is in computer installations that require movement of large amounts of data in concentrated areas," the company said. "This is essential to volume manufacturers, such as the automobile, steel, and chemical industries, as well as time sharing."

Plotters

The new plotters are in the lineup for the show. The first, from Electronic Associates, Inc. is, "the world's first hybrid operated digital plotter." It plots continuously nonsegmented at speeds up to 20 inches per second and operates with digital accuracy, EAI said.



Idiom Interactive Graphic Display

Computer Peripheral's Disk Memory



Computer Peripheral's Disk Memory

The second plotter will be introduced by California Computer Products, Inc. It uses a stored program technique to go from CRT to microfilm, and operates on-line from a Honeywell 516 with magnetic tape. The plotting instructions are introduced to the 516 from compacted tape generated by executive routines under control from the keyboard. There is also an optional CRT display for displaying plotter output on-line. The microfilm records are in either 35 mm or 16 mm, and the system has the capability of being used as a high speed printer at an average rate of 1200 lines a minute with 132 character print lines. Calcomp will also be displaying its large, flatbed plotter and its Zip mode disk plotter.

New Memories

The main area of concentration in memories seems to be in modular disk memories. Computer Peripherals Corp. will debut its DSU-1600 disk memory, with a capacity of either 25 million or 50 million bits with the head per track structure. One drive can handle up to four disks, with an average access time of 16.7 milliseconds.

There is an economy model, where one head can service four tracks, with an average access time of 25 milliseconds. The transfer rate is 3 Mbits in bit serial mode. The heads are mounted as flying heads, with a sealed module for each disk. The system has a fail safe protection feature which withdraws the heads whenever there is any variation in speed, voltage, or air pressure.

Two high speed compact core memories are being introduced by Fabri-Tek Inc. The 370 and 420 memories are both ferrite core memories. The 370 uses modules of 4K by 40 bits, with access cycle times from 1.5 to 0.75 microseconds, and the modules can be combined up to 16K.

Fabri-Tek's other entry is a low cost, 4.0 microsecond memory with a 600 nanosecond access time. The 420 has a storage capacity of 1,024 words of 8 bit length. Of particular interest, according to the company, is the display of Sylmar's new Karttrack system, using Fabri-Tek memories with Sylmar's scanners.

Digital Development Corp. will be displaying its DDC 73 Series modular disk memories. These memories are inert gas enclosed flying head disks with the head per track structure.

Time Sharing Services

Time sharing systems using small, medium, and large scale computers and CRT displays will be on display from Digital Equipment Corp. DEC is also showing the work being done with its systems at the Stand-

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Highlights of the Conference Sessions

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Session 40, "Progress in Displays," will deal with the effectiveness of information displays and the technology of displays. Programming for interactive displays and their uses and the challenges of display technology will be discussed.

Wednesday Morning

Session 41, "Computer Generated Pictures - Peris, Pleasures, and Profits," will examine the problems and developments in computer generated art and computer animation of figures.

Session 42, "New Trends in

Programming Languages," will examine the environmental design of a compiler to create compilers and the use of displays to assist program composition and editing.

Session 43, "The Computer Field: What Was Promised, What We Have, What We Need (Hardware Session)," will look at what has been promised and what has been delivered in high speed memories, interrelated hardware and software, and character recognition.

Session 44, "Real-Time Information Systems and the Public Interest," will discuss international information services, real-time education, and the philosophy of public information systems.

Session 47, a panel discussion, will deal with "Computer Design Automation: What Now and What Next?" The use of computers, from both the hardware and software points of view, in the area of computer aided design will be examined.

Special Sessions

There will be several night ses-



Norman R. Nielsen, Stanford University, is chairman of Session 43 on hardware pricing.



Ascher Opler, IBM, is chairman of Session 42 on trends in programming.

sions, and many discussion group meetings after normal sessions are completed. For information about these sessions, contact the special interest groups through the Aflps Information Center.

One of these special sessions will be aimed at the financial community-The "Security Analyst Session" will have as its theme, "Trends in the Computer Industry." It will be given by Information Management Inc. Subjects will include computer leasing, peripheral manufacturers, time sharing, software, and the potential market for large and small computers.

Northeast Airlines to Install 'Pars' System

BOSTON—Northeast Airlines is reorganizing its reservations

operations to include IBM's Pars (Programmed Airline Reservation System) which the line will put into service in mid-1969.

Northeast has one IBM 360 in its Andover, Mass., data processing facility and is acquiring two additional 360 systems to handle Pars.

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Don't Misrepresent Services, EDP Schools Advised by FTC

By a CW Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Federal Trade Commission is cracking down on EDP correspondence schools, and has, in effect, warned that it will not tolerate misrepresentations by these schools in their advertising and through their salesmen.

The scope of this watchdog action was brought out in detail in charges brought against two schools by the FTC last June. The schools, Punch Card Machine Training Service, Inc. of Kansas City, Mo.; and Punch Card Training of Memphis, Inc., of Memphis, Tenn., and their officers subsequently signed an FTC consent order. In effect, this meant that while they didn't

admit any past guilt, they would avoid the specified violations in the future.

The order specifically forbids the following actions:

1. "Representing... that inquiries are solicited for the purpose of offering employment to qualified applicants."
2. "Representing... that respondents' placement service will guarantee or assure the placement of graduates in jobs for which they have been trained, or will find them jobs in the geographical areas of their choice; or misrepresenting, in any manner, their ability or their facilities for assisting graduates of their courses in finding employment, or the assistance so-

tually afforded by respondents to graduates in obtaining employment."

3. "Representing... that a great demand by employers exists for graduates of respondents' schools or that such demand is greater than respondents' ability to supply graduates to fill such jobs; or misrepresenting, in any manner, the employment opportunities for graduates of respondents' schools or courses."

4. "Representing... that respondents accept only qualified persons for their courses of instruction and training or are selective as to which applicants they accept."

5. "Representing... that respondents only accept as students those persons who apply for enrollment in respondents' courses at the time the offer is made; or that enrollment therein cannot be accepted thereafter; or that only a limited number of students can be accepted for respondents' courses of instruction and training; or that a specified number of applicants responding to a particular advertisement... or from a particular area can be accepted for enrollment... or that there are any limitations on the number of students who can be enrolled."

6. "Representing... that the lack of a high school education is not a handicap or impediment for a person to take and complete respondents' courses... or to obtain employment; or misrepresenting... the educational or other requirements for such training and employment."

7. "Representing... that persons completing respondents' courses will earn starting or average salaries in excess of salaries actually and customarily paid to persons of like age, experience, and training."

8. "Representing... that respondents' school occupies all of the building in which it is located, or is larger than it is located, or that such school provides or has available physical facilities which are not, in fact, available."

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8 CW Companies Among Top Defense Contractors

Eight *Computerworld* listed companies were among the top 50 defense contractors during the federal 1968 fiscal year that ended June 30*, according to figures released by the Department of Defense.

Of the total \$38.83 billion in defense awards, down from \$39.22 billion in fiscal 1967, \$22.15 billion (57%) went to the top 50 companies and \$3.58 billion (9.2%) went to the top eight *Computerworld* listed companies.

The top five companies on the list, the only ones with contracts totaling more than \$1 billion, accounted for \$8.02 billion (20.7%) of the total.

Four of the *Computerworld* listed companies improved their standings from the previous year, two maintained theirs, and two dropped.

Because of the lag in gathering statistics, the list does not reflect current standings. In addition, the list reflects only prime contracts and excludes the large dollar volume of subcontracting.

Fiscal 1968 rank	COMPANY	Contract volume (millions)	Fiscal 1967 rank
3	General Electric Co.	\$1489	4
15	Raytheon Co.	452	19
16	Sperry Rand Corp.	447	13
20	Honeywell, Inc.	352	20
26	Radio Corp. of America	255	27
30	International Business Machines Corp.	224	34
47	Collins Radio Co.	135	32
50	Sanders Associates, Inc.	131	50

Merrill Lynch, 7 Employees Penalized for 'Misconduct'

By a CW Staff Writer

NEW YORK — Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc., the nation's largest securities brokerage house, has been ordered to close temporarily two of its specialized offices in New York and San Francisco as part of a settlement of Securities and Exchange Commission staff charges of misconduct.

The settlement agreement with the SEC also contained censure of 10 Merrill Lynch employees and a temporary "disassociation" of seven of them. Charges against four others were dropped.

In addition, public hearings will begin here Dec. 16 against 14 institutional investors involved.

The SEC has charged that Merrill Lynch disclosed nonpublic information it had obtained about declining Douglas Aircraft Corp. earnings to selected institutional investors. This information allowed them to sell out before the information became public a few days later. At the same time, Merrill Lynch was purchasing Douglas Aircraft stock for other investors.

Wrongdoing Denied

Merrill Lynch, accepting the SEC sanctions, said it did so only to

avoid a prolonged and costly dispute with the SEC. The SEC order specified that the firm and the employees disassociated from it waived a hearing and consented to findings that they violated the law "solely for the

purpose of these hearings and without admitting the allegations."

The 14 institutional investors whose hearings begin Dec. 16 have also denied any wrongdoing.



'Punched' Stock

Pat Thatcher of Vance, Sanders & Co., Boston, holds a securities industry "first" — a punch card certificate for Vance, Sanders Special Fund, a new capital appreciation mutual fund. The punch card form replaces the traditional 8" by 12" paper certificate. Because they are easier to process and store, punch card forms have been suggested as a way to ease the stock brokerage house logjam that has beleaguered the securities industry and led to four day trading weeks since last June.

Financial Newspaper Rebuffs SEC Attempt to Subpoena Its Records

Special to *Computerworld*

NEW YORK — A Securities and Exchange Commission attempt to subpoena the records of *The Wall Street Transcript*, a weekly financial publication, was rebuffed recently by Federal Judge Harold R. Tyler, Jr.

The SEC attempted to subpoena *The Transcript's* records to determine if the newspaper had violated provisions of the Investment Advisors Act.

While the SEC made no charges against *The Transcript*, it did suggest that its selection of material and its advertisements in other publications indicated

that *The Transcript* was representing itself as an investment advisor.

The Transcript fought the subpoena, maintaining that it was a financial publication of general and regular circulation, and therefore protected under the freedom of the press provisions of the First Amendment.

The Transcript, which claims a circulation of 8000, reprints verbatim, without comment, signed brokerage house reports on companies and industries. It also prints news releases, lists of merger actions, tender offers, and corporate promotions.

New Registrations

GENERAL ANALYTICS Corp., 228 E. 46th St., New York, a computer software company, filed to register 350,000 common shares. Proceeds, with the price to be set, intended for working capital. The underwriter is Collins Security Co., Western Federal Savings Bank, Denver.

CALDWELL COMPUTER Co., 4300 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, a computer leasing company, filed to register 200,000 common shares. Proceeds, at a maximum of \$5 per share, intended for equipment, debt repayment, and working capital. The underwriter is Sanders & Co., Inc., Rep. National Bank Bldg., Dallas, Texas.

INFORMATION & COMPUTING CENTERS Corp., 777 S. Central Expressway, Richardson, Texas, a computer service company, filed to register 300,000 common shares. Proceeds, at a maximum of \$5 per share, intended for equipment and working capital. The underwriter is Sanders & Co., Inc., Rep. National Bank Bldg., Dallas, Texas.

INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER Corp., 90 Park Ave., New York, a computer service and leasing company, filed to register 150,000 common shares. Proceeds, at a maximum of \$3.50 per share, intended for equipment and working capital. The underwriter to be named.

ASSOCIATES, LLC, 350 Fifth Ave., New York, a computer service company, filed to register 300,000 common shares. Proceeds, at a maximum of \$5, intended for expansion and working capital. The underwriter is D.H. Blair Securities Corp., 5 Madison Ave., New York.

MANAGEMENT INFO SYSTEMS Inc., 750 Third St., Princeton, N.J., a computer service company, filed to register 400,000 common shares. Proceeds, at a maximum of \$6.25, intended for debt repayment, equipment, and expansion. The underwriter is Goldwater, Smith, Fitzpatrick & Schall, New York.

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Revenue \$4,100,325 \$3,056,894
Earnings 271,159 250,000
Shr Earnings .12 .10

*Adjusted for 2-for-1 stock split, Quarter ended Oct. 1.

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ELECTRONIC MEMORIES INC.
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Jones to Head Software Group, Plans Membership Drive at FJCC

Special to Computerworld
WASHINGTON, D.C. - Dick Jones of Applied Data Research has been elected president of the

Association of Independent Software Companies.

He said the association, which has 11 members, would immediately undertake a membership drive and that he planned to confer with prospective members during the Fall Joint Computer Conference.

Walter Bauer of Informatics has been re-elected vice president and treasurer, and Robert Wallace of Auerbach has been elected vice president and secretary.

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Initially funded by the National Science Foundation, the center will develop a system for disseminating chemical information to students, university faculties, research personnel, and industrial chemists. The information will be drawn from computer tapes prepared by Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS). The institute's technical information research staff is writing general purpose file, search, and output computer programs for use with CAS tapes. These programs also will be applicable to other tape resources, such as Biological Abstracts, Engineering Index and Nasa Star. Access to scientific information will be provided through program services and through search services.

During initial development, CAS references will be offered in a pilot phase on a free basis. After center operations and user reactions have been evaluated, services will be expanded, and a fee schedule will be established to

make the center self-supporting.

In connection with the center, an effort will be made to educate future chemists in computer processing of information. A graduate course titled "Modern Techniques in Chemical Literature" will be taught at Illinois Institute of Technology this year. The formation of independent information centers is growing as a result of an increasing number of tape services available. Since there are approximately 50 tape services now being marketed, the expense of subscribing to more than a few of them becomes prohibitive for many companies and universities. Lack of compatibility in computer program codes and formats is an additional prob-

lem, said Martha E. Williams, manager of technical information research. The center programs here will use PL/I.

In addition to the center under development here, the National Science Foundation is funding the establishment of an information center at the University of Pittsburgh. Other facilities for searching CAS tapes are located at the University of Georgia, the University of Nottingham (U.K.), the Karolinska Institute (Sweden), the Denmark Tekniske Bibliotek (Denmark), and the National Research Council of Canada. Liaison will be established between these centers and the center here to permit mutual cooperation.



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CHICAGO — A new truck routing system implemented here should have broad application in areas where routing is a problem, according to A.T. Kearney & Co., developer of the system.

Called Card (Computer Assisted Route Development), the system was developed for the Lines Supply Association of America to systematize routing of delivery trucks for suppliers. The system is currently operational in the Chicago area. According to Kearney Vice President Don Weston, there has been no previous effort to systematize this problem because of its size.

The package consists of three programs. The Road program defines an abstract "map" of a specific city for the routing network. The Plot program locates the distribution points on this map. The Route program develops and schedules the routes

from customer data. The system is running on a CDC 3600 with plans to switch to a 6600. At present, the routing program can handle up to 16,000 customers with any delivery frequency from daily to monthly. The system accepts up to 10 different types of products and up to 20 different truck capacities. The Route program can generate up to 100 routes and schedule them throughout the month.

Weston said the Chicago area company now using the system realized a 30% savings on delivery costs and a first year return on investment in excess of 200%. Data produced from this system should be a significant aid in policy decisions for management, he said.

Kearney, at the request of the LSA, plans to make the routing service available for other areas across the country.

Flowgen Now Available for 1130s

Speaks to Computerworld
ANAHEIM, Calif. — California Computer Products has expanded its Flowgen product line to include the IBM 1130 system. The program draws flowcharts of Fortran programs on graphic plotters as documentation aids. It also assists in debugging programs by providing a means for verifying

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Study of Two PL/1 Manuals Reveals Major Differences

There are some major differences between the special PL/1 Language Specifications manual turned over to the USASI X3.4 Committee (CW, Oct. 9) and the restricted PL/1 Language Specifications manual (V33-6003-0) intended for limited distribution. Both are dated March, 1968. The special manual was submitted to X3.4 by IBM for consideration as standard, and is not listed in the IBM bibliographies. The restricted manual was intended to give "interested" people a run-down on current and future implementations of PL/1.

There are at least two areas in which the difference between the manuals could seriously affect the user.

Character Restrictions

The first problem is that the version for USASI requires that the full 64 character set be used for source input.

The disappearance of the 48 character set would present the user with a headache. Most manufacturers use drum printer which has a general limitation of less than 64 characters and which usually operates at about 56 characters. The necessary additional characters for the full 64 character set would certainly slow the printer down considerably and would probably require redesign of the printer.

Significantly, IBM uses the chain printer (for which it holds a basic patent), which permits the expansion of the character set without seriously degrading performance.

The S/360 already uses this larger character set. In most other machines, however, even if the space is available the user has already included special symbols, such as financial symbols, to the capacity of the drum.

Compile Time Facilities

The second problem is that the version for USASI drops the compile time capabilities, a change that would affect the user immediately upon acceptance of the standard. Both dialects of these facilities develop, the user would be locked to his manufacturer as tightly as if he were using a proprietary language (e.g., PL/I).

The compile time facilities, which enable the program to be modified as compilation by external sources, can be used to improve operating efficiency as well as program maintenance.

1130 Gains Real-Time With Process Control

FORT LEE, N.J. — A new system has been announced here which allows the IBM 1130 computer to be used in a real-time and time sharing mode. The system, called SYS-2113 Data Acquisition and Control Systems, was developed by SYS Associates.

The system can handle a wide variety of physical processes and, according to the company, can control up to 46 external unit devices while processing bank ground jobs through an interrupt handling package.

News Analysis

Current systems under design or in implementation must take into account such language facilities while the system is in the blueprint stage, if they are to use a language effectively. A problem could arise if an analyst or programmer designed a system based on these features, and in the future such features were no longer available.

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Judge Smith's Decision - Part 2

Patent Ruling Hinged on Definition of 'Process'

Whether computer programs are patentable has been hotly debated for some time, and the final answer still has not been given. The Patent Office believes that they are not, and bases its belief upon "the meaning of the word, 'process' as employed in

the applicable statutes, and on the well established doctrine that processes which can be performed solely by mental acts do not constitute patentable subject matter."

The Court of Patent Appeals, in its judgment in *Prater & Wei*, takes issue with both of these points and holds that computer programs may constitute patentable matter. Last week Computerworld printed a condensation of that part of the decision by the late Judge A.M. Smith dealing with the "Rule of Abrams." Below is a condensation of that part of the decision dealing with the definition of the word "process" and of the court's summary.

We temporarily set aside our discussion of Abrams at this point to approach the questions of patentability of claims of this type in the light of the development of the Patent Law from its constitutional origin. Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution gives to Congress the power to promote the progress of "science and useful arts." That a process was an "art" (capable of being patented was already considered beyond dispute in *Cochrane vs. Deener* (1876), involving a process or method of manufacturing flour. The issue was infringement, the defendant performing the process using apparatus of somewhat different construction from that disclosed

and used by the patentee. The Supreme Court found the patent valid and infringed. In the course of its opinion, the court often quoted the passage of dictum:

A process is a mode of treatment of certain materials to produce a given result. It is an act, or a series of acts, performed by the hand or by machinery to be transformed and reduced to a different state or thing. If new and useful, it is just as patentable as is a piece of machinery. In the language of the patent law, it is an art. The machinery pointed out as suitable to perform the process may or may not be new or patentable; whilst the process itself may be altogether new, and produce an entirely new result. The process requires that certain things should be done with certain substances, and in a certain order; but the tools to be used in doing this may be of secondary consequence.

This passage has sometimes been misconstrued as a "rule" or "definition" requiring that all processes, to be patentable, must operate physically upon substances. Such a result misapprehends the nature of the passage quoted as dictum. In its context, and the question being discussed by the author of the opinion. To deduce such a rule from the statement would be contrary to its intent which was not to limit process patentability but to point out that a process is not limited to the means used in performing it.

Summary

Reviewing the foregoing development of the law relating to process claims, we find nothing to indicate an intent of Congress or the courts to deny patent protection to process claims merely because they could alternatively be read on a process performed through the mind by the use of aids such as pencil and paper. It is therefore an appropriate point to correlate the development thus far traced with our decision in Abrams discussed earlier (CW, Dec. 4).

We do not feel our reasoning need be encumbered by the so-called "rules" of Abrams for the reasons we have indicated. However, it is noted that in Abrams, unlike the present situation, the claimed process could only be performed in the mind, so far as was apparent from the specification. The Abrams situation may thus be distinguished from that presently before us, in which there is adequate disclosure how the process can be performed without mental calculation. This distinction from Abrams leads us to our present holding which is that patent protection for a process disclosed as being a sequence or combination of steps, capable of performance without human intervention and directed to an industrial technology—a "useful art" within the intent of the Constitution—is not precluded by the mere fact that the process could alternatively be carried out by mental steps.

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'Virtual Store' Extends Capacity of Model 67

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whole program, the virtual address sometimes has no equivalent in the core units, and the data has to be fetched from comparatively slow back-up storage, such as a drum. This is handled by the software, and is part of the overhead involved in the operation. In the past the software provided for the Model 67 had high overhead, which greatly cut down its attractiveness to a time sharing user.

Software Simplified

The software used by Computing Software Services attacks the problem of high overhead mainly by simplification. While the standard IBM software is designed to handle a number of processors and a number of memory modules in a single configuration, the CSS software assumes that there is only a single processor

present, and so avoids many of the overhead tests which normally are necessary. It also provides a complete environment, including an operating system, compilers, etc., for each individual user, avoiding interaction between users as in a single, complex system.

Paging

Where a program cannot proceed because the data it needs is not currently in core, the position of the required data is found, and a block of 4000 bytes (called a page) is brought into core from the back-up store—drum or disks. Bringing the page in, however, takes considerable time, so the program being executed is replaced by some other program which currently has enough data in core to be able to proceed. The Computer Software System pricing structure provides that



The remote terminal, left, is the only clue that there is anything unusual about the company's Model 67.

while new pages are being loaded, no charge is clocked against the user. The hardware includes a 13 microsecond

clock as the basis of the charging unit so this is technically possible.

Cambridge Development

The software is based on the Cambridge Monitor System, a Type 3 program developed at IBM's Cambridge Scientific Center, working under a control program. The control program builds and maintains for each user a "virtual machine" which is indistinguishable to the user and his programs from a real machine, but is really simply one of many such virtual machines which the control program is managing. The control program allocates the resources of the real machine to each virtual machine in turn for a short "slice" of time.

Since the virtual machines are simulated, their configurations may differ from each other and from the real machine. Each user controls his virtual machine from his own terminal which is, effectively, his console keyboard.

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40-Times More Claim

The firm claims that it can provide up to 40 times more problem solving power with its systems than can other time sharing services. Richard Bayles, CSS' manager of technical operations, explained that this figure was based on the ability to provide extra memory space for users. "Other services stop short at 100,000 bytes," he said. "We go up to 16,000,000."

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